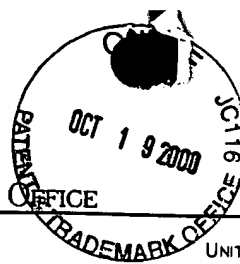




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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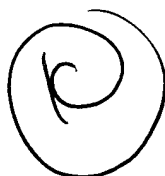
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Serial No: 09/609,714) Group Art Unit: 2761
Filed: June 30, 2000) Examiner: Unknown
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM)
AND METHOD)

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In response to the communication of September 6, 2000, Applicants submit a Declaration/Power of Attorney for filing in the above-identified application and the required late filing fee of \$130.00, and a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts. Also enclosed is the Recordation Form Cover Sheet, an Assignment document, and the required assignment fee of \$40.00. Thus the enclosed check totals \$170.00.

Please associate the enclosed declaration and assignment with the above identified application.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/191,452 filed March 23, 2000.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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